

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 4/8/08, Mark Hyman requested an extension of time for 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge the required fee for this extension.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Hyman on April 1, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 23 has been canceled without prejudice.

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Claim 1, lines 2-3, "a polypeptide" has been changed to --an ICE-LAP 3 polypeptide--.

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Claim 1, line 5, "polypeptides from" has been changed to --said ICE-LAP 3 polypeptide--

Claim 24, lines 3-4, the phrase "that binds a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 303 of SEQ ID NO:2" has been deleted.

In line 1 of claims 22, 24-31, and 34-35, "An immunoassay method according to" has been changed to --The immunoassay method of--.